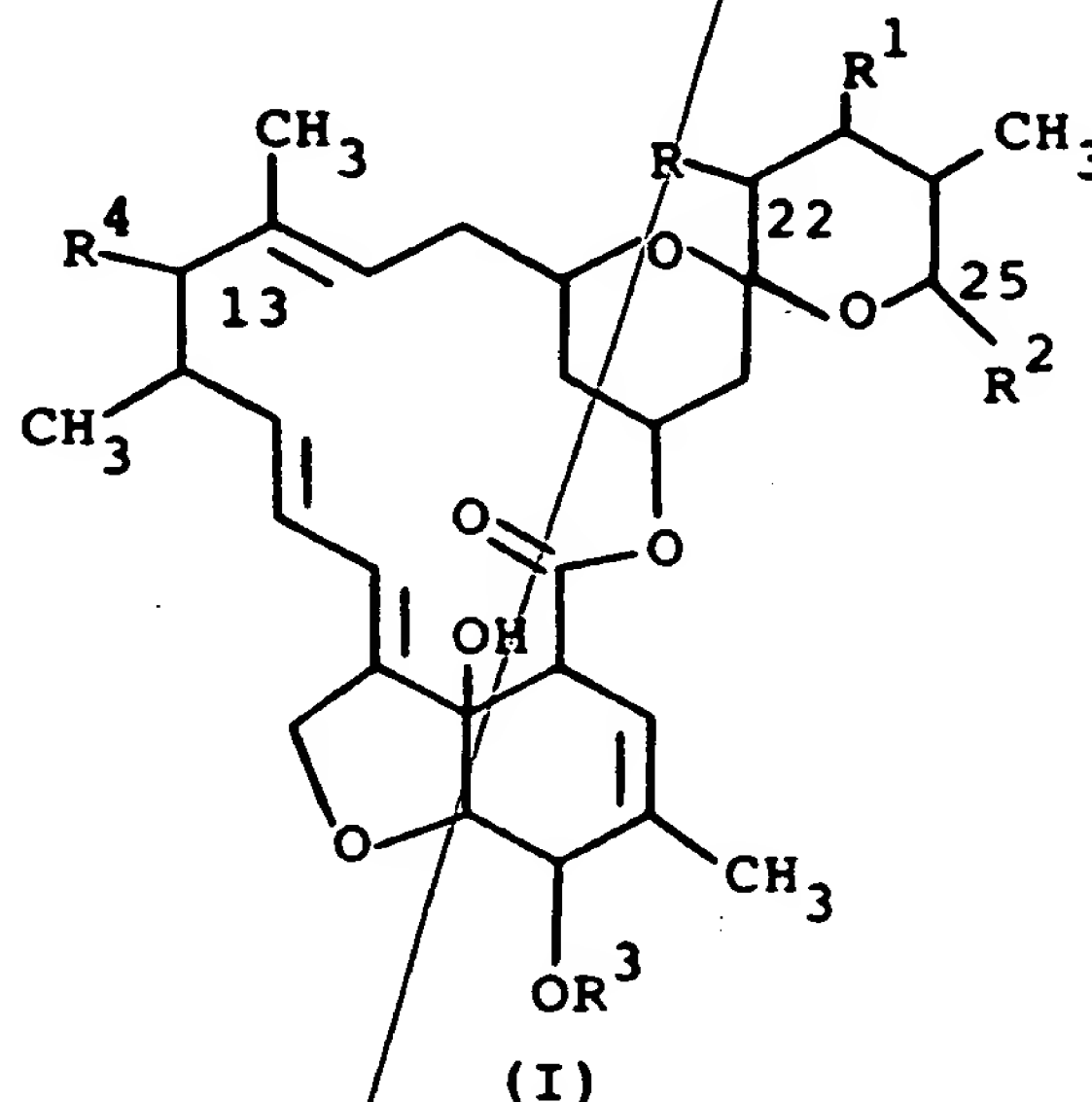


IN THE CLAIMS:

1 (Amended). A compound having the formula



wherein R when taken individually is H;  $R^1$  when taken individually is H or OH; R and  $R^1$  when taken together represent a double bond;

$R^2$  is an alpha-branched  $C_3$ - $C_8$  alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, alkoxyalkyl or alkylthioalkyl group; a  $C_5$ - $C_8$  cycloalkylalkyl group wherein the alkyl group is an alpha-branched  $C_2$ - $C_5$  alkyl group; a  $C_3$ - $C_8$  cycloalkyl or  $C_5$ - $C_8$  cycloalkenyl group, either of which may be substituted by methylene or one or more  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl groups or halo atoms; or a 3 to 6 membered oxygen or sulphur containing heterocyclic ring which may be saturated, or fully or partially unsaturated and which may be substituted by one or more  $C_1$ - $C_4$  alkyl groups or halo atoms;

$R^3$  is hydrogen or methyl;